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Washington, Sept. 22.—The American government will make no effort to secure safe conduct from the United States of Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador here, until the Vienna government has replied to the request that the ambassador be recalled. This was stated on high official authority tonight.

Dr. Dumba himself telegraphed Assistant Secretary Phillips of the state department from Lenox, Mass., today giving notice that his government had recalled him home on leave and asking that the American government arrange for his safe conduct to Vienna. He added that he had planned to sail on September 23.

Acting Secretary Phillips conferred with President Wilson tonight on the Dumba incident and other international questions. A reply from Vienna is expected within the next few days to the note asking that Dr. Dumba be withdrawn from Washington.

In consequence of a letter he wrote to his former minister outlining plans for disturbances in American munitions plants. Inasmuch as dispatches from Vienna have indicated that the government there already has chosen a temporary successor to Dr. Dumba, it is taken for granted here that no attempt will be made to send the latter back here, whatever may be the manner of his going.

The delay in receiving a reply to the Dumba note is believed by officials to be due to difficulty in communication between Washington and Vienna.

The President was still considering today what action, if any, to take in relation to Captain Franz von Papen, German military attaché here, Alexander Nuber von Perle, Austro-Hungarian consul-general in New York, and other Austro-Hungarian and German officials involved in the Dumba incident. Photographs of copies of more of the letters taken from the German legation in London will be awaited before final action will be taken.

A letter in German written by Captain von Papen, in which occurred a phrase which has been translated "those idiotic Yankees" was referred to translators at the state department today to determine the exact meaning of the German words.

Most of the Archibald letters already received here were sent to the department of justice by the state department. They will be examined by Assistant Attorney-General Warren to determine whether they can be taken against Archibald, who has not having diplomatic status, involved in the case.

WELCOME VERMONTERS.

Open House of Vermont Association at Washington During Encampment.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—The Vermont State association of the District of Columbia will keep open house at the association rooms in this city Thursday evening, September 23, in honor of Vermont veterans attending the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Admiral George Dewey and General L. A. Grant, commander of the old Vermont brigade, are among those invited as guests of honor. There will be a suitable program, but the chief purpose of the meeting is to afford an opportunity for an informal reunion of Vermont veterans from all parts of the country.

There are about twenty-five such veterans now living in Washington and vicinity, among them being Maj. John Conline, U. S. A., retired, who served in the First and Fourth Vermont regiments; Captain Charles G. Gould and Lieut. Willard C. Davenport of the Fifth regiment; Capt. A. J. Hartsorn of the 17th regiment; Judge James H. Moulton, a native of Concord, Vt., but who served in a New Hampshire regiment in the Civil War, is president of the Vermont association.

BULGARIA, READY FOR WAR, IS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Reported from Sofia That the Doubtful Balkan State Has Signed Agreement with Turkey to That Effect.

EUROPE'S CAPITALS STIRRED

No News of Mobilization in Greece and Roumania, Which Countries Will Probably Remain Neutral—Russians Said to Have Slipped by Germans.

Bulgaria's activity in mobilizing her forces has caused a stir not only among the Balkan States, but in the European capitals. Whether Bulgaria is to join either of the belligerents or intends to maintain an armed neutrality has not been officially announced, but the latter course is indicated in a newspaper dispatch to London from Sofia. This dispatch is to the effect that Bulgaria and Turkey have signed an agreement for the former nation's future armed neutrality. It is recalled in this connection that the Bulgarian premier recently told the government members of parliament that the war danger in the Balkans had decreased, but that the Bulgarian government had been obliged to resort to armed neutrality.

The premier is also quoted as having told his supporters that Roumania and Greece would remain neutral and that he did not believe a treaty exists among Roumania, Greece and Serbia against Bulgaria. Bulgarian reservists are hastening to the colors, one of the reserve officers being quoted for the statement that the general mobilization includes 200,000 infantry. Bulgaria's field army of all ranks numbers between 200,000 and 250,000 men.

Berlin semi-official reports state that there are no indications that Bulgaria's action will lead to a general outbreak in the Balkans and that no news has been received in the German capital of a mobilization by either Greece or Roumania. Nevertheless King Constantine has been in conference with Premier Venizelos and the general staff of the Greek army and cabinet council has had the situation under consideration.

Bucharest is silent with respect to the attitude of Roumania, which, because of the geographical position of that country, will probably remain quiet until Bulgaria's final decision is taken. One of the features of the war is to be found in a raid by a squadron of French aeroplanes which, in retaliation for attacks by the Germans with air craft on open towns of France and England, has flown from the frontier to Stuttgart, capital of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, a distance of more than a hundred miles, and dropped shells in the neighborhood of the royal palace and the station. The damage done is not recorded.

Heavy artillery actions continued all along the line from Belgium to the Vosges mountains. On the eastern front in the region of Dvinsk the Russians have again assumed the offensive and a battle is in progress. To the northwest of Dvinsk the Germans have captured Russian positions, according to their report, along a front of two miles.

Unofficial reports indicate that the Russian forces which evacuated Vilna have been withdrawn from the danger zone. The efforts of the Austro-Germans to encircle the retreating armies are, however, still in progress.

In Volhynia in the region of the triangle of Russian fortresses and in bayonet attacks along the Ikva river the Russians have been victorious over the Austrians, capturing several villages and a large number of prisoners.

From the Mlava frontier of northwest Serbia almost to the iron gates of the Danube the Austrians and Germans are heavily bombarding Serbian positions. The enemy cannonade was accompanied by a violent infantry and machine gun fire, but it was repulsed by a military point. Our guns repelled with less violence.

London, Sept. 22, 10:20 p. m.—A war move which may solve the riddle of the Balkan-Bulgarian mobilization, has struck London with dramatic suddenness. The afternoon newspapers, however, refrained from editorial comment, and neutral readers of these publications, except for drawing their own conclusions from large type heads and such captions as "Balkan Sensation" would be none the wiser as to whether England regarded the developments as a preliminary victory for the central powers, or merely another overnight turn of the Greco-Serbian-Bulgarian negotiations.

The consensus of opinion was that although the Bulgarian army is now on the move Bulgaria has not yet cast her lot with one side or the other, but, as her minister here expressed it, still neutral, still waiting, but armed.

J. D. JR., SWINGS PICK.

Also Spends Night in Camp with Miners at Princeton.

Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 22.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., slept in a coal camp at Princeton tonight. After a busy day of inspection, in the course of which he swung a pick in the Frederick mine and ate luncheon on the porch of a rustic mountain cabin under towering pines at Stonewall, the Standard Oil magnate late in the afternoon reached Princeton. Tired out, the financier announced he would not return to Trinidad, but would spend the night with the men in the camp. Mr. Rockefeller ate dinner in the miners' boarding house and spent the early evening talking with the men who had just come from the underground workings.

Mr. Rockefeller's day of inspection began at the Frederick mine at Valdez. There he donned overalls and jumper and trudged through two or three miles of narrow tunnels a thousand feet below the crest of the hill into which the mine is driven. In one of the "rooms" he borrowed a pick and chopped away until chunks of coal came rattling down to the floor, greatly to his delight.

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE OF VERMONT

Local Items of Interest from All Parts of the Green Mountain State Condensed So That He Who Runs May Read.

THE NEWS BY COUNTIES

From the Island in the Lake to the Passumpsic, Along Otter Creek and Shores of White River, Covered by Our Special Correspondents.

ADDISON COUNTY

MIDDLEBURY.

One of the biggest real estate deals made in Addison county in some time took place last week, when Charles M. Swift of this village purchased what is known as the Walter Seranton farm and buildings in Ferrisburgh. The price paid for the property is not mentioned, but it is said that the property cost Mr. Seranton somewhere in the vicinity of \$10,000. It is understood that Mr. Swift will use it for a summer home. The property has a large lake frontage—Mrs. Frank Raymond, who had been ill for some time at her home on South street, died early Friday morning at the age of 65 years after a long illness with a complication of diseases. She is survived by a husband and several children. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church Monday morning at nine o'clock and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery. They formerly resided in Beldens, having moved here about a year ago. Mr. Raymond being in the employ of Mr. Douglas.

M. J. Cronin of Brandon is in town for a few weeks' stay. Miss Gladys Brunell of Rutland is in town for a week's visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Nichols have returned from Essex Junction, where they spent the past two weeks with their parents—Prof. A. E. Lambert and family, who have spent the summer at their summer home at Belgrade Lakes, Maine, have returned. Mrs. John Fradette has returned from a two weeks' visit to her sons in Ailestad and Westmoreland, N. H.—Winfield Huntley, Jr., who has spent the past few months in town with his parents on South Main street, has returned to Trinity College, Hartford, N. C.—Prof. and Mrs. G. W. Cunningham have returned from a few days' visit in Burlington—Miss Rena E. Huntley, who has spent the past few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huntley of South Main street, has returned to Patterson, N. J., where she is music and Latin teacher in a private day school—Mrs. Arthur H. Smith and young son have come to Ailestad and Westmoreland, N. H., for a few weeks' visit—Glenna Heywood and Dennis Durley, both of East Middlebury, were married at the Methodist parsonage, Saturday evening by Dr. Corman. After a short honeymoon Mrs. and Mrs. Durley will reside in East Middlebury. The cattle shipment from this section Monday consisted of six calves of cows, calves, and lambs for the New York and Boston markets. This is the largest shipment in eleven months—A. Racko has returned from a few days' visit in Burlington—Lillie Witholdina Scholz and Charles Rowley, Millikan of New Haven were quietly married at St. Stephen's Episcopal parsonage Sunday night by the Rev. John Evans. After a honeymoon trip by automobile to Burlington they will reside in New Haven—Mrs. Elizabeth Seavel of Lewiston, N. Y., who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity for the past two months, returned to her home Tuesday—Miss Theodora Crane left town Tuesday for Plainfield, N. J., where she is a teacher in the public school—Monday, market day, eggs brought 20 and 21 cents and butter 35 cents.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Whittemore, Deacon and Mrs. R. S. Benedict, Mrs. H. E. Perrinton and Mrs. I. L. Rogers were the delegates of the Memorial Baptist Church, attending the State convention of the Baptist association in Burlington this week—J. B. Noland and C. F. Rich were in Burlington Tuesday on business—James Howarth, who has been on the sick list for the past ten days, is able to be about—Deputy Sheriff Edward Higgins has returned from a business trip to Rutland—Mrs. Fred Bennett and child, who have been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Blaney on Mill street, have returned to their home in Leominster, Mass.—Vinton W. Mitchell has returned after spending the past three months at the home of his parents in Waterville, Conn.

Miss Lula Woods has come to Fair Haven, where she will teach in the high school—William Walter Thomas, who has spent the past three months at his home in Poughkeepsie, has returned to town—Mrs. Edna Baldwin, who came here two weeks ago to attend the Foster-Chaffee wedding, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Chaffee, of Seminary street, has returned to her home in Glena Falls, N. Y.—Russell Sanford of Foster, Cal., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanford, former residents of this village, has entered Middlebury College. He will make his home with his uncle, N. J. Sanford—The Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Whittemore, Deacon and Mrs. H. E. Perrinton, who have been attending the Baptist state convention at Burlington, have returned—The Misses Daisy Severy and Mabel Rising of Brandon arrived in town today for a short stay—Mrs. W. A. Atwell and children who have spent the summer at their home

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Montreal, Sept. 21.—Major Nereus Barre, of a Canadian regiment, a survivor of the steamer Hesperian, today exhibited a piece of steel, which he said he picked up on the deck of the Hesperian following the fatal explosion. The major declared the steel was part of a torpedo and termed the contention that the ship had struck a mine "absurd."

Major Barre, who was returning from service in Flanders, said that while Captain Main and other officers of the Hesperian showed coolness and courage after the ship was struck, the crew was far from competent. Thirty-six Canadian soldiers died valuable work in launching lifeboats and rescuing passengers. The major said all passengers and crew had been saved as he did not leave the ship until four hours after it was struck. He added that "everything seemed in a wrong and there was a great difficulty in launching the boats."